

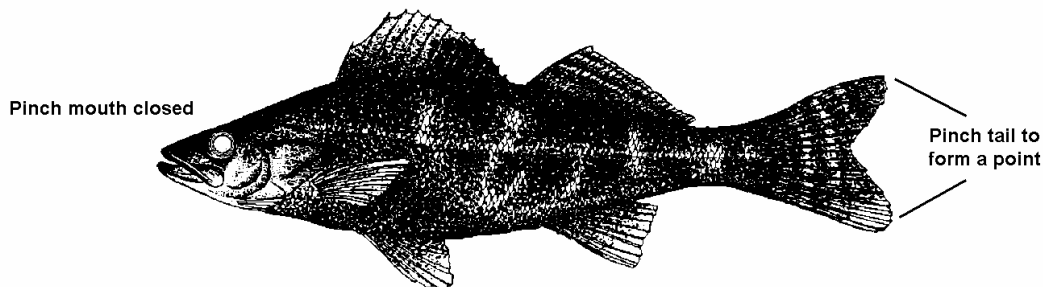
**2009 MASTER ANGLER ENTRY APPLICATION**

By authority of Part 487 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451, P. A. 1994, as amended.  
Submission of this information is required to be eligible for Master Angler awards.

**\*\* ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 10, 2010 \*\***

Please print all information. (see RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES below)

<b>TYPE OF ENTRY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>CATCH AND KEEP</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>CATCH AND RELEASE</b> (Do <i>not</i> have to be weighed)	Name of Angler		Telephone (      )	
	Address			
	City	State	ZIP	
<b>CATCH DATA</b>	Species	Name of bait or lure used	Date Caught	Time of Day
	Name of Lake or Stream		County	
<b>METHOD USED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Baitcasting <input type="checkbox"/> Bowfishing <input type="checkbox"/> Driftfishing <input type="checkbox"/> Flycasting <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Fishing			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spear <input type="checkbox"/> Spincasting <input type="checkbox"/> Stillfishing <input type="checkbox"/> Trolling			

**LENGTH MEASUREMENT DIRECTIONS**

Measure fish from tip of nose (or lower jaw) to tip of tail in a straight line. DO NOT measure in a curve around body from nose to tail. Measure to closest 1/8 inch. Tail and jaw should be pinched together.

FISH STATISTICS		BUSINESS INFORMATION (WHERE FISH WAS WEIGHED)	
Weight	Business Name	Scale Inspection Date	
lbs.      ozs.	Address		Business Telephone (      )
Length	City, State, ZIP		
inches			
Weigher's Name			

**RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES (CONT'D ON BACK)**

1. All fish must be taken by legal Michigan sportfishing methods, during open season, and in **waters of Michigan open to the public**.
2. Photographs of the entire fish must be submitted for identification, if the entry has not been identified by a Michigan DNR Fisheries Biologist. Provide close-up and clear photographs with side-views. Show the fins and tail in a spread-out position, if possible. Color photographs are preferred.
3. Entries for the previous calendar year must be received by the Michigan DNR Fisheries Division **no later than JANUARY 10th**.
4. Michigan DNR Fisheries Division reserves the right to reject any application if the entry does not meet the established criteria.
5. See *Catch and Keep Entries* or *Catch and Release Entries* (reverse side) for additional entry requirements. **(CONT'D ON BACK)**

**WITNESSES** - One (1) witness required for catch/release length verification; Two (2) witnesses required for catch/keep weight verification.  
Witness 1      Witness 2

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Witness Signature      Date      Witness Signature      Date

**I have read and understand all Rules for all Entries and understand that failure to comply with all applicable rules will result in disqualification of my entry.**

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Angler Signature      Date

Submit entry and photograph to:

**FISHERIES DIVISION  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30446  
LANSING MI 48909-7946**

Or submit to the nearest DNR Office.

## RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES (CONTINUED)

### FOR CATCH AND KEEP ENTRIES: (in addition to the required photographs)

1. Have fish weighed on a commercial scale (grocery store, meat market, etc.) and record the name of person weighing the fish and the business information where the fish was weighed. If there is a date the scale was last inspected please provide in the business information section. We will not accept entries for fish that have been weighed on household or handheld scales, or entries that do not comply with this rule.
2. **Obtain the signature of two witnesses verifying weight.**
3. If the fish exceeds the listed State Record (see below), you **MUST CONTACT** a Michigan DNR Fisheries Biologist for positive identification and verification. To be certified as a state record, the fish must be **FRESH** or **FRESH FROZEN**. Mounted fish will not be considered for a record. Entries should be kept frozen for at least two weeks past submission of application form in the event further identification is required.

### FOR CATCH AND RELEASE ENTRIES: (in addition to the required photographs)

1. It is not necessary to submit a weight for *Catch and Release* entries. However, for *Catch and Release* entries you must have the signature of one witness to verify length.
2. Do not keep the fish out of the water any longer than you can hold your breath underwater. Entries received without proper identification (photo and/or biologist's signature will be returned).
3. Length measurements for *Catch and Release* fish should be made with a good grade metal tape measure, wood or metal yardstick. Measurements to be in inches to the nearest 1/8-inch (see **Length Measurement Directions**).

Handsome arm patches are awarded to all entries meeting established minimum weights, or, in the case of Catch and Release, minimum lengths. However, no more than one patch will be awarded to each angler per species per year. Master Angler Certificates suitable for framing are awarded to anglers who catch State Record fish or are one of the top 5 fish of each species in both the Catch and Keep and Catch and Release category. There are two categories of entry; *Catch and Keep* and *Catch and Release*.

**Minimum Lengths apply to Catch and Release entries Only \*\*\*\*\* Minimum Weights apply to Catch and Keep entries Only**

SPECIES	MIN. ENTRY LENGTH	MIN. ENTRY WEIGHT	STATE RECORD (YEAR)	SPECIES	MIN. ENTRY LENGTH	MIN. ENTRY WEIGHT	STATE RECORD (YEAR)	SPECIES	MIN. ENTRY LENGTH	MIN. ENTRY WEIGHT	STATE RECORD (YEAR)
American Eel	32"	3-0	7-7 (1990)	Crappie, White	14"	1-12	3-6.24 (2000)	Splake	25"	6-0	17-8 (2004)
Bass, Largemouth	22"	6-0	11-15 (1934) 11-15 (1959)	Fresh. Drum	21"	7-0	26-0 (1973)	Sucker, Longnose	17"	2-0	6-14 (1986)
Bass, Rock	11"	1-0	3-10 (1965)	Gizzard Shad	16"	1-8	4-2 (1996)	Sucker, N. Hog	13"	1-8	2-8.6 (1994)
Bass, Smallmouth	21"	5-0	9-4 (1906)	Lake Herring	16"	2-8	5-6.4 (1992)	Sucker, Redhorse	22"	4-0	12-14.2 (1991)
Bass, White	16"	2-0	6-7 (1989)	Lake Sturgeon	50"	70-0	193-0 (1974)	Sucker, White	20"	3-0	7-3 (1982)
Bluegill	10"	1-0	2-12 (1983)	Longnose Gar	32"	5-0	18-0 (1995)	Sunfish, Green	9"	0-12	1-8 (1990)
Buffalo, Big Mouth	32"	20-0	24-12 (2008)	Musky, Grt. Lks.	42"	20-0	48-0 (1984)	Sunfish, Pumpkinseed	9"	0-12	1-5.6 (2004)
Buffalo, Black	26"	10-0	33-4 (2004)	Musky, Northern	42"	20-0	49-12 (2000)	Sunfish, Redear	10"	1-0	1-15.5(2002)
Bullhead, Black	14"	1-4	3-7 (1999)	Musky, Tiger	42"	20-0	51-3 (1919)	Trout, Brook	17"	2-0	9-8 (1996)
Bullhead, Brown	14"	1-8	3-10 (1989)	Northern Pike	40"	18-0	39-0 (1961)	Trout, Brown	33"	16-0	36-13(2007)
Bullhead, Yellow	14"	1-8	3-9.6 (2003)	Perch, White	10"	0-8	1-14 (2002)	Trout, Lake	34"	18-0	61-8 (1997)
Bowfin	27"	7-0	14-0 (1981)	Perch, Yellow	14"	1-13	3-12 (1947)	Trout, Rainbow (steelhead)	34"	17-0	26-8 (1975)
Burbot	26"	5-0	18-4 (1980)	Salmon, Atlantic	33"	12-0	32-10 (1981)	Walleye	29"	11-0	17-3 (1951)
Carp	30"	20-0	61-8 (1974)	Salmon, Chinook	41"	27-0	46-1 (1978)	Warmouth	9"	1-0	1-6 (2001)
Carp sucker	19"	3-0	8-0 (2000)	Salmon, Coho	32"	12-0	30-9 (1976)	Whitefish, Lake	23"	6-0	14-4.5 (1993)
Catfish, Channel	27"	8-0	40-0 (1964)	Salmon, Pink	21"	3-0	8-9 (1987)	Whitefish, Menominee	15"	1-0	4-1 (1992)
Catfish, Flathead	29"	10-0	47-8 (1943)	Sauger	21"	5.0	6-9 (1976)				
Crappie, Black	14"	1-12	4-2 (1947)	Smelt*	10"	None	12.0" (1996)				

\*The minimum entry requirement for Smelt is 10" for both Catch and Keep and Catch and Release entries.  
The Smelt State Record is recognized by length rather than weight.

FOR DNR USE ONLY			
Fish Identified From (See Rule No. 2 on reverse side)		<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Specimen	<input type="checkbox"/> Photograph
Print Name of Michigan DNR Fish Identifier	Signature	Title	Date